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BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF PSYCHOLOGISTS

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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES: **BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF PSYCHOLOGISTS**

MEETING DATE AND TIME: Monday, June 6, 2016

PLACE: **Division of Professional Regulation**

> 861 Silver Lake Blvd., Conference Room A Cannon Bldg., Dover, Delaware 19904

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL: 7/25/2016

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Rachel Brandenburg, Professional Member, President Dr. Meghan Lines, Professional Member, Vice-President Heather Contant, Public Member, Secretary Victor Kennedy, Public Member Dr. Joseph Zingaro, Professional Member Dr. Rebecca Richmond, Professional Member Rachel Dunning, Public Member

MEMBERS ABSENT

Ronise Ball, Public Member Dr. Kristen Robust, Professional Member

DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT

Rain Marrow, Administrative Specialist II Jennifer Singh, Deputy Attorney General

OTHERS PRESENT

Jennifer Tedesco

Dr. Alex Siegel

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Brandenburg called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

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A motion was made by Dr. Zingaro, seconded by Ms. Contant to approve the minutes from the May 2, 2016 meeting. The motion was unanimously carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Review and Consider Jody Williams Supervision Request

Both Dr. Zingaro and Dr. Brandenburg recused themselves from the review and consideration of Jody Williams Supervision Request. The Board reviewed the request. Mr. Kennedy motioned, seconded by Ms. Dunning to approve the Supervisor. The motion was unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Review of Examination Applications- Exams Passed

After review, a motion was made by Dr. Zingaro, seconded by Dr. Meghan Lines to approve the psychologist application of Robert Brecher. The motion was unanimously carried.

Review of Reciprocity Applications

After review, a motion was made by Ms. Contant, seconded by Dr. Zingaro to approve the psychologist application of Steven Kachmar. The motion was unanimously carried.

After review, a motion was made by Dr. Zingaro, seconded by Ms. Contant to approve the psychologist application of Heather Ulrich. The motion was unanimously carried.

After review, a motion was made by Dr. Zingaro, seconded by Ms. Dunning, to approve the psychologist application of Amber West- Buller. The motion was unanimously carried.

Review and Consider Jody Williams Disciplinary Order

Both Dr. Zingaro and Dr. Brandenburg recused themselves from the review and consideration of Jody Williams Review Consider of Disciplinary Order. After review, Ms. Contant motioned, seconded by Dr. Richmond to approve the Order. Motion was unanimously carried by all not recused.

Review of Psychological Assistant Applications

After review, Dr. Brandenburg motioned, seconded by Ms. Contant to approve the psychological assistant application of Kathleen Rupertus, Motion was unanimously carried.

Review of Continuing Education Approval Request

After review, Dr. Brandenburg motioned, seconded by Ms. Contant to approve 4 hours for The Psychiatric Society of Delaware. Motion was unanimously carried.

Review and Discussion of Recommendations from Chief Hearing Officer

The Board reviewed the Recommendation for Mary Acari. Dr. Lines motioned, seconded by Dr. Brandenburg to amend the recommendation to state that she has 60 days to provide documentation of 35 hours of Continuing Education. Motion was unanimously carried.

The Board reviewed the recommendation for Rita Cohen. Ms. Dunning motioned, seconded by Dr. Richmond to approve the recommendation. Motion was unanimously carried.

The Board reviewed the recommendation of Mladen Milic. Dr. Zingaro motioned, seconded by Dr. Lines to approve the recommendation. Motion was unanimously carried.

The Board reviewed the recommendation of Jennifer Tedesco who was present for the meeting. She presented CE's that she had already attained. Dr. Brandenburg motioned, seconded by Dr. Richmond to amend the recommendation to apply the 12 continuing education credits that Ms.

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Tedesco presented as her required CE's and to also flag her for audit for the next renewal cycle. Motion was unanimously carried.

Discussion from Dr. Alex Siegel about ASPPB

Dr. Alex Siegel spoke with the Board about ASPPB and how they will benefit from it. He stated that the next meeting for them will be in the Royal Sonesta Hotel in Baltimore Maryland from Oct 18-23 of 2016. Their organization reimburses one member from each jurisdiction. He was asked by the Board why aren't they getting correspondences and he told them that they have two mailing list one for the Board Members and one for Administrators and they tend to use the Administrator list more frequently. He then went on to tell the Board about his experience and the positions that he has held. He said that he is "the liaison between their world and the regular world". He spoke about EPPP² coming into play as of 2020 also the PLUS system which is the Psychology License Universal System. 19 Jurisdictions has accepted this so far.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence

OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD (for discussion only)

Director Mangler spoke to the Board in regards to how a decision is made as to who gets to have the hearing. Director Mangler explained that the Hearing Unit was created due to the Boards being backlogged. He also explained what was considered when making this decision. Such as If there is a standard of care issue? If there appears to be clear evidence, clear violation it goes to AHU. Dr. Zingaro stated that his issue is that he thinks that there should be a psychologist involved at hearings with AHU. It was discussed that one member of the Board is assigned to each complaint that comes in and that occasionally outside expert assistance is utilized. However, the Board still felt adamantly that certain cases with clinical competencies and standard of care should come to the Board. So if the AHU unit is going to continue to hear the majority of cases then they need to have a psychologist closely involved to make things clinically clear. The Psychology Board wants to be clear that they're not trying to take from the process but be consulted along the way. Director Mangler stated that the end result still comes to the Board before anything is final so they are still closely involved. Director Mangler then informed the Board that their house Bill 322 was on the Senate Agenda for the next day.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be July 25, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in Conference Room A.

<u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

There being no further business, a motion was made by Dr. Zingaro, seconded by Dr. Brandenburg, to adjourn the meeting at 10:59 a.m. The motion unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted, *Wrainer Marray*

Administrative Specialist II